1985-86 and 1991, categorywise and the quantum of amount spent by the ITDC during that period; and

(b) whether it is a fact that ITDC's Central overhead expenses increased year after year during the above period, if so, what are the details thereof and what were the efforts made to curtail the non-plan expenditure in ITDC during the above said period and results achieved therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The perks/facilities being given to the executives of ITDC are based on operational requirements, like any other commercial organisation, and their entitlements are decided from time to time by the management. These perks/facilities include residential accommodation/telephone, staff car, medical, uniform and duty free meals to the hoteliering cadre, etc. It is not feasible to give the quantum of amount spent by ITDC on the perks/facilities during the period.

(b) Expenditure on overheads has increased from Rs. 22.13 lakhs in 1971-72 to Rs. 714.34 lakhs in 1990-91 due to inflation as well as growth/increased activities of the Corporation. However, the percentage of overheads to turnover remains almost the same. ITDC make all possible efforts to contain its non-plan expenditure.

**Growth rate target set for Air India and Indian Airlines during the 8th Plan**

2705. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the growth rate target set for Air India and Indian Airlines during the Seventh Five Year Plan has been achieved;

(b) what is the growth rate target fixed for the 8th Plan for Air India and Indian Airlines;

(c) whether the growth rate target set for the two airlines during the 8th Plan are not too ambitious in the light of financial and physical performance during the last three years; and

(d) if not, in what manner the two airlines propose to meet the growth rate target during the 8th Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The target of growth rate of Air India for the 8th Five Year Plan in terms of ATKMs is 5.9 per annum. For Indian Airlines, the planned rate of growth in passenger traffic during the 8th Five Year Plan is 8 per cent per year.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Both Air India and Indian Airlines propose to achieve the projected rates of growth through their respective fleet renewal plans.

**Development of Tourism in Assam**

2706. SHRI MATANG SING: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a lot of work to be done for promotion of tourism in the State of Assam;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to popularise the tourist spots in Assam for local and foreign tourists; and

(c) what are the project recently undertaken by Government for improvement of tourism in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Development and promotion of tourism is a continous process and primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, in order to augment tourism infrastructural facilities so as to popularise the tourism spots in Assam for domestic and foreign tourists, the following projects/schemes have been listed for